House Resolution No. 131

Whereas, from time to time the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize the meritorious accomplishments of an outstanding Missourian who has positively touched the lives of countless residents of the Show-Me State; and

Whereas, Dr. Earl Wipfler has been chosen as the deserving recipient of the Lifetime Distinguished Service Humanitarian Award by the St. Charles Chamber of Commerce, an impressive accolade that he will receive during the 2004 Citizen of the Years Annual Banquet on January 21, 2005, at the Columns Banquet Center; and

Whereas, Dr. Wipfler joined Dr. Neubeiser and Dr. Crider in practice of General Surgery in 1962 and served as Chairman of the Surgery Department for St. Joseph's Hospital, where he also held the title of Chief of Staff; and

Whereas, upon his retirement, Dr. Wipfler still wanted to serve his community and founded a free medical clinic along with Dr. Pogmeyer in North St. Charles; and

Whereas, Dr. Wipfler has served on the boards of the American Red Cross, the American Cancer Society, and the Salvation Army; and

Whereas, Dr. Wipfler has also enjoyed recognition by serving on the Board of Directors for Lindenwood University and as Chairman of the first Comprehensive Planning Commission for the City of St. Charles; and

Whereas, in addition, Dr. Wipfler was a driving force in getting medical teams to serve the Tarahumara Indians of Central Mexico; and

Whereas, it is most fitting and proper that this legislative body pay tribute to Dr. Wipfler, an uncommon leader who can best be described as dedicated, devoted, and visionary - traits which make people true leaders:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, unanimously join the St. Charles Chamber of Commerce in extending our most hearty congratulations to Dr. Wipfler upon his well-deserved selection to receive the Lifetime Distinguished Service Award and in wishing him continued prosperity in all future endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Dr. Earl Wipfler.

	Representative Tom Dempsey District No. 18
	Representative Joe Smith District No. 14
third Generative above i	on, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety- ral Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that is a true and correct copy of House Resolution dopted January 18, 2005.
Rod Jetton	Speaker

Offered by _____